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SUBJECT: An Assessment of the "Ochoa Affair" in Cuba

The Intelligence Community's Cuban analysts are beginning to take stock of the remarkable developments surrounding the trial and execution of General Ochoa on drug-running and corruption charges. Although differences abound, there appears to be consensus that the "Ochoa Affair" represents a major political shock to Fidel's system of rule that perhaps could cause it lasting damage. Martin Roeber, the National Intelligence Officer for Latin America, will soon issue a distillation of Community views. In the meantime, I commend to your attention the personal assessment (attached) of Brian Latell, Director of the National Intelligence Council's [Redacted] and a long-time watcher of Fidel and Cuba.

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Attachment:
Fidel Castro's Deepening Crisis:
The Implications of the
"Ochoa-De la Guardia Affair"

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